ASTDD Best Practices Committee (BPC) 2021 Annual Report

Chair: Steve Geiermann
Consultant: Lori Cofano
Members: Adam Barefoot, Zachary Brian, Christina Demopoulos, Gina Thornton-Evans, Irene Hilton, Samantha Jordan, Robin Miller, Shillpa Naavaal, Kimberlie Payne, Julie Reynolds, Christine Veschusio, and Kathy Weno
Inactive Member: Katya Mauritson
Members resigned: Nicki Bennett, Stacey Chazin, Sue Dodd, Greg Holder, Nicole Blair Johnson and Bob Russell

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New members: Adam Barefoot (November), Zachary Brian (May), Gina Thornton-Evans (May)**.**

Purpose: This committee supports more effective state, territorial and community programs through the development and sharing of Best Practice Approach Reports (BPARs). The collection of State Activity Submissions (SAS) and Descriptive Reports (DRs) promote the integration of oral health best practices into other programs. This activity supports the ASTDD Strategic Plan by encouraging the use of evidence-based practices and offering technical assistance.

Accomplishments: The committee meetings were held via Zoom in 2021. The annual face-to-face meeting, traditionally held during the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC), did not take place this year as the NOHC was virtual due to COVID-19. The committee worked efficiently and effectively offline as all members are volunteers with numerous other responsibilities. Their work included preparing and updating BPARs, reviewing draft narratives and descriptive report submissions. Committee members bring a wide range of subject matter expertise.

- Updated the *Oral Health of Children, Adolescents and Adults with Special Health Care Needs Best Practice Approach Report (BPAR).* The title was changed to *Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs.* This project was a collaboration with the National Maternal and Child Health Oral Health Resource Center. Dr. Farah Alam, Director of Special Care Dentistry at the Rose F. Kennedy Children's Evaluation and Rehabilitation Center at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York was the primary author. The BPAR includes eleven descriptive reports. It was posted to the Best Practices webpage in July 2021. Lori Cofano presented an ASTDD Spotlight on this BPAR in September with over 70 people attending.
- Developed the new *Dissemination of Data from State-Based Surveillance Systems BPAR.* This project was a collaboration between the Best Practices, Communication and Data committees. Dr. Kathy Phipps, ASTDD Data & Oral Health Surveillance Coordinator, was the primary author for this BPAR. The BPAR was posted to the Best Practices webpage in August 2021 with eight descriptive reports.
- Developed the new *Teledentistry: Opportunities for Expanding the Capacity and Reach of the Oral Healthcare System BPAR*. This project was a collaboration with CareQuest Institute for Oral Health. Dr. Scott Howell, Associate Professor, Director of Public Health Dentistry, A.T. Still University-Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, was the primary author. This BPAR was posted to the Best Practices webpage in December 2021 with ten descriptive reports. An ASTDD/CareQuest webinar on this BPAR was held on December 16, 2021 with more than 100 people attending.
- Thank you notes were emailed to those who submitted descriptive reports for the various BPARs. The notes included a link to their submission and the BPAR as well as request to let Chris Wood know how, where, and with whom they share the BPAR. The committee is looking to evaluate how these reports impact the oral health arena.
- The Descriptive Report Form was revised. Instead of a checklist of Healthy People 2030 objectives, there is a link to that information. Those submitting the form are asked to add the applicable information themselves.
- Carry forward funding allowed the Best Practices webpages to be revised/updated on both the front and back end, thus reducing the number of "clicks" required to access

BPARs. The collection of reports may be searched by date, name, or group (assessment, policy development or assurance).

- 2021 NOHC virtual session: *Don't Reinvent the Wheel: Best Practices for Improving Oral Health for Pregnant Women and Infants.*
- The committee provided technical assistance pertaining to DR completion and use of Dropbox.
- The BPC 2021-2022 logic model and workplan were updated, approved and posted to the ASTDD BP webpage.
- 2022 NOHC: *Oral Health Care of People with Special Health Care Needs: Data Drives Decisions* was accepted for a 90-minute session. Kathy Phipps will moderate. Drs Amy Martin, Paul Glassman and Sam Zwetchkenbaum will present.
- An announcement was drafted for the 11—1-21 ASTDD Weekly Digest asking state oral health programs, coalitions, partners and others to contact Chris Wood with information on how, where and with whom they share ASTDD resources.

Current activities:
- The update to the *School-Based Dental Sealant BPAR* started in April 2021. Revisions to this BPAR will continue into 2022.
- The update to the *State Oral Health Plans and Collaborative Partnerships* BPAR started in September 2021. The title is being revised to *State Oral Health Improvement Plans*. Revisions to this BPAR will continue into 2022.
- Solicit and collect submissions for BPARs in process, as well as updating or archiving state submissions more than five years old.
- BPC members serve as liaisons to review drafts and provide subject matter expertise on various ad hoc BPAR advisory workgroups.

Future Activities:
- Solicit submissions for BPARs, as well as liaisons to assist with BPAR projects.
- Completion of at least two BPARs and post to Best Practices webpage.
- Dissemination of BPAR information via *ASTDD Spotlight*, listservs, and other presentation formats.
- The BPC is actively looking for collaboration with other oral health stakeholders to increase the relevance and impact of ASTDD in improving the oral health of all individuals.
- Review and monitor BPC webpages for revisions.
- Continue to provide technical assistance around BPARs, submissions, and use of Dropbox.
- Update BP documents to reflect Healthy People 2030 objectives.

Subcommittee interactions: In addition to serving on ad hoc advisory workgroups associated with particular BPARs, committee members provide technical assistance both within ASTDD and externally.

Unmet committee needs:
- Funding to support honoraria for primary authors writing and presenting BPAR materials. We are thankful for entities, such as the National Oral Health Resource Center and the CareQuest Institute, but such fiscal collaborations cannot always be guaranteed.
- Funding outside of the CDC CA for ASTDD consultant hours needed to provide technical assistance and oversight as the number of BPARs in process now averages two to three per year.